



# Fall Vegetable Gardening

Fresh, Healthy, Homegrown... words restaurants use describing the best meals on their menus. You can have better tasting food without ever leaving home. All it takes is a backyard veggie garden. And in Florida, you get a second chance in the fall. Below are our tips for garden success.



## Site Selection

- Choose a sunny spot with 6+ hours of sun per day.
- Make sure there is a water source nearby and that the garden is easy to get to.

## Plan the Garden

- Pick veggies your family likes to eat.
- Make a simple garden design plan to organize your selections.

## Prepare the Soil

- Amend the soil with rich, organic material, such as peat, cow manure, or homemade compost. You can also use a pre-mixed soil such as Black Gold Flower and Vegetable Soil or Black Gold Garden Compost.
- Always plant with Espoma's Bio-tone to get plants off to a great start.

## Plant Seeds or Vegetable Seedlings

- Starting from seeds is economical and lets you find great varieties.
- Use planting guides to determine when to plant.
- Stagger planting times to extend harvest season.
- Try companion planting.

## Take Care of Your Veggies

- Water daily at first, and slowly reduce frequency.
- Fertilize weekly with Foxfarm's Grow-Big or monthly with Espoma's Garden-tone.
- Check garden regularly for insects and disease and be prepared to spray if needed.

## Pick when ripe and enjoy!

### Warm-Season Vegetables

#### Plant in September

- Tomatoes
- Peppers
- Beans
- Squash
- Zucchini

### Cool-Season Vegetables

#### Plant as the weather cools in October

- Collards and Cabbage
- Lettuce and Spinach
- Broccoli and Cauliflower
- Radishes and Carrots
- Snow Peas

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